

**WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 7, 2002**

The Williamsburg City Council held a work session on October 7, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Stryker Building.

ATTENDANCE

Present were Ms. Zeidler, Messrs. Haulman, Houghland, and Tabb. Also present were City Manager Tuttle, City Attorney Phillips, and City Clerk Crist.

Staff Attending: Department Heads Nester, Weiler, Serra, Walentisch, and Jodi Miller, Assistant City Manager.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zeidler called the meeting to order.

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Zeidler opened the session for public comment.

No one wished to speak. The session was closed.

Daily Press Article: Mr. Houghland encouraged everyone to read the articles in the Sunday October 6 Daily Press entitled "Shaping the Historic Triangle," about future growth in our area. He complimented the Mayor on her article. Mayor Zeidler said that the Daily Press plans to hold a forum with six community leaders to discuss challenges and opportunities on Wednesday evening, October 9. She hoped many people would attend.

BACKGROUND PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Potassium Iodide (KI) Distribution—Briefing by Fire Chief T.K. Weiler

Council members received a copy of the Center for Disease Control's website information about Radiation Studies and Potassium Iodide. Chief Weiler provided background on the distribution of KI, which is given to adults and children to protect the thyroid from radiation in case of a nuclear accident. The City of Williamsburg is within the ten-mile radius of the Surry Nuclear Power Plant. One of the concerns with KI is that it will produce a false sense of security. The best ways to protect the public would be evacuation and shelter. Chief Weiler reported that 3,954 doses of KI were dispensed from the Williamsburg Library along with information pamphlets. KI has a shelf life of about seven to eight years, ten years maximum.

Mayor Zeidler thanked the Chief and recognized him for his work and contributions to this effort on behalf of the city.

Prince George Street Streetscape—Presentation by Mr. Cy Paumier, LDR International

Reference for this item was Mr. Tuttle's report dated October 3, 2002, regarding the streetscape improvements. Council members received an illustrated copy of the proposed streetscape. Mr. Tuttle reported that a meeting was held with the property

owners on Prince George Street (between Henry Street and Boundary) to present the proposed streetscape plan. He introduced Mr. Cy Paumier of LDR International, a land architect and land planner, to discuss the streetscape.

Mr. Paumier introduced his partner, Carl Somoza, to assist with the presentation. Mr. Paumier said he would like to demonstrate how a good street could be improved to make it a great street. He used slides of streetscapes from other cities to show how certain improvements could make a difference in a street. Mr. Paumier said the existing buildings on Prince George Street had substantial, nice architecture. The street is relatively wide, but the sidewalks are not adequate, and the crown of the road has been maximized. He discussed the proposed improvements. The plan calls for retaining many of the existing trees on the street. Sidewalks would be widened and bricked, more trees and plantings added, a brick walkway in the alleyway behind the Goodwin Building would be installed, a new crosswalk painted on the street, new benches installed, and the lighting would be improved, all to make the street more pedestrian friendly. Wider sidewalks will also promote more outdoor café type seating. With the new parking garage, parking on the south side could be eliminated, while parking on the north side of the street would be retained.

Mayor Zeidler thanked Mr. Paumier for his presentation. She said she has heard many of the merchants on Prince George Street discussing the plan and are excited about the improvements. A goal of the city is to be more pedestrian friendly.

Mr. Houghland suggested skewing the proposed crosswalk to better link the Goodwin Building alleyway and the walkway to the new parking garage.

Mr. Tuttle said that the city and Colonial Williamsburg have been talking to SunTrust bank about the possibility of a new bank building at the corner of Prince George Street and Henry Street, which would greatly improve that corner. It is proposed that the streetscape improvements be integrated into the street's storm sewer project. Funding for the project is included in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Council members were very enthusiastic about the streetscape plan and appreciated Mr. Paumier's work. Mr. Paumier said it was a great street to work with and he thanked Council. Mr. Tuttle said construction could start by the first of January and last about six months.

Legislative Agenda for 2003—First Look

Reference for this item was Mr. Tuttle's report dated October 3, 2002 regarding legislative priorities. Mr. Tuttle said his memorandum identifies critical funding issues for the city, including:

- Public education and Standards of Quality funding
- Aid to public libraries
- Funding for regional jails
- Social services funding
- Higher education funding
- Community Service Board and mental health spending
- Funding for constitutional officers
- Judicial system/community corrections funding

Re-establishment of the Cooperative Advertising Fund
Funding for high speed rail
Outcome of Transportation Referendum
State and local tax restructuring

Mayor Zeidler said Mr. Tuttle had put together a good list. The city is waiting for information from Richmond.

Mr. Houghland suggested Council consider changing the City Charter regarding how to fill unexpired vacancies on Council. Also, the city should let the General Assembly know that cities need more assistance from the State.

Mr. Tuttle responded to Mr. Tabb that the research regarding how revenues are raised and shared has been completed, but the political work has not been done. There is a budget crisis at this time.

Mr. Haulman said after the budget cuts are announced he would like information about what the cuts mean to the agencies that the city cooperates with, and what does it mean for services. What can the city do to minimize the impact.

Mr. Tuttle will provide more information at the November meeting.

Council will review and discuss the 2003 legislative priorities at their November work session.

PREVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING –October 10, 2002

Council members received a copy of the agenda, but no additional information was requested.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS—October

Council members received a copy of the October meeting calendar.

October 15, 7:00 p.m., League of Women Voters of the Williamsburg Area: Mayor Zeidler announced that the League would hold an applicant forum to meet and question the three individuals who have applied for the vacant City Council seat. The forum will be televised.

October 23, 7:00 p.m.: Mayor Zeidler announced that the City Council will conduct applicant interviews for the vacant City Council seat. This will be a public meeting and Council would welcome comments from citizens.

October 10, 8:30 a.m.: Mr. Tuttle announced that the City would hold their United Way Campaign Kick-Off Breakfast for employees. That is also the day that the Crossroads Group will hold a daylong work session to look at the Eastern State property. Mayor Zeidler was disturbed that the meeting was on a Council meeting day, and that Council members could not attend.

Goals and Initiatives for the Biennium 2002-2004: Mr. Tuttle informed Council that the document would be distributed prior to the October 14 meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Zeidler opened the session for public comment.

No one wished to speak. The session was closed.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Houghland Moved that City Council go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussing one personnel matter per subparagraph 1 concerning Board Appointments, and one legal matter per subparagraph 7 for the purpose of consultation on specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel, concerning the hospital relocation. The Motion was Seconded by Mr. Tabb.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Haulman, Zeidler, Houghland, Tabb

No: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m. (Mayor Zeidler called a five-minute recess.)

At 4:15 p.m., Council met in Open Session.

Mr. Houghland Moved the Certification of Closed Meeting. The Motion was Seconded by Mr. Tabb.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Haulman, Zeidler, Houghland, Tabb

No: None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Date: October 7, 2002

Motion: Houghland Second: Mr. Tabb

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Williamsburg has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the City Council that such meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Williamsburg hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the

closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered by the City of Williamsburg.

VOTE:

Aye: Haulman, Zeidler, Houghland, Tabb

No: None

Absent During Vote: None

Absent During Meeting: None

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

*Mr. Haulman Moved that City Council Appoint **Ms. Natalie Bare** to the Historic Triangle Bicycle Committee for a term to expires December 31, 2004. The Motion was Seconded by Mr. Tabb.*

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Haulman, Zeidler, Houghland, Tabb

No: None

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Approved: November 14, 2002

Mayor

Clerk of Council